GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
BHAN SINGH BHAURA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for opening of new telephone exchanges in Punjab particularly in Bhatinda during the Ninth Five Year Plan alongwith increasing the capacities of existing telephone exchanges;

(b) the funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) whether some delays took place due to non-availability of basic infrastructural equipments; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Government to achieve the target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The target for opening of new telephone exchanges is 368 numbers in Punjab Telecom Circle for the Ninth Five Year Plan. It includes 45 numbers of new telephone exchanges in Bhatinda SSA.The capacity target of the new telephone exchanges including expansion of existing exchanges during the ninth five year plan was fixed as 1689000 lines which includes 98000 lines in Bhatinda SSA.

(b) The cumulative funds allocation for Punjab Circle during 9th Five Year Plan is Rs.2923.36 crores and for Bhatinda SSA Rs.198.12 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.